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QUOTATIONS

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Abraham Lincoln Quotations & Sayings

Political Religion

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Wash Herald 2-7-25

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Political Religion of America

By Abraham Lincoln

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